

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted under 37 CFR §1.312(c) following the mailing of a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due in this case, and concurrently with payment of the issue fee due March 17, 2004.

The specification has been amended to correct informalities in the claim format. In addition, the specification has been amended under 37 C.F.R. §1.78, and in adherence with the guidelines in M.P.E.P. §201.11, to state the proper relationship of this application and prior applications to which this application claims priority. This amendment is based on Applicant's response filed March 3, 2000, which amended the priority claim in response to the Office Action issued on September 3, 1999.

No new matter is entered by the amendments. Entry is respectfully requested.


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Respectfully submitted,

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